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SUMMARY: PEKING HAS IMPLICITLY AND "UNOFFICIALLY" RECOGNIZED
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF NORTH KALIMANTAN AND ITS LEADERSHIP
BY A SARAWAKIAN PRESUMABLY STILL IN EXILE IN CHINA.
END SUMMARY.

1. NCNA, APRIL 8, CARRIED EXCERPTS FROM MARCH 9 STATEMENT
BY WEN MING-CHUAN IDENTIFIED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL
COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF NORTH KALIMANTAN
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(CPNK). THIS IS THE FIRST STATEMENT OF THE CPNK EVER

TO BE CARRIED IN PEKING MEDIA AS WELL AS THE FIRST MENTION OF WEN MING-CHUAN WHO REPORTEDLY TOOK REFUGE IN CHINA IN THE EARLY SIXTIES. WEN REJECTED THE COURSE OF ENDING ARMED STRUGGLE AND "PARTICIPATION IN LEGAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES" AS BETRAYAL. HE REITERATED THAT THE PARTY MUST CONTINUE "TO TAKE ARMED STRUGGLE AS THE MAIN FORM OF STRUGGLE AND PERSIST IN AND DEVELOP GUERRILLA WARFARE".

2. THE NCNA REPRINT REPRESENTS AN IMPLICIT RECOGNITION OF THE CPNK AS WELL AS WEN'S LEADERSHIP. NCNA'S RATHER FULL ACCOUNT OF THE CPNK STATEMENT, BASED ON A VOICE OF MALAYAN REVOLUTION (VMR) BROADCAST OF MARCH 30, DID NOT EXPLICITLY STATE THAT THE GOAL OF THE CPNK WAS INDEPENDENCE FOR NORTH KALIMANTAN NOR THE BREAKUP OF MALAYSIA. ONE REFERENCE IN WEN'S STATEMENT TO "MALAYSIAN' REACTIONAIRES", HOWEVER, USED INNER QUOTES TO INDICATE THE UNAUTHENTICITY OF THE CONCEPT. (IN A DESCRIPTIVE PHRASE NCNA CONTINUED ITS OWN PATTERN OF REFERRING TO MALAYSIA WITHOUT THE QUALIFYING QUOTES.) NCNA'S ARTICLE THUS MAY ALSO BE INTERPRETED AS A CAUTIOUS, INDIRECT AND "UNOFFICIAL" REAFFIRMATION OF THE MORAL RIGHT OF THE CPNK TO FIGHT FOR A SEPARATE NORTH KALIMANTAN (OR CONCEIVABLY FOR ITS UNION WITH INDONESIA). IT MAY ALSO BE INTENDED AS A REASSURING GESTURE TO THE MALAYAN COMMUNIST PARTY (MCP) PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOM-PRC DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

3. STATEMENTS BY MAOIST GROUPS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AS REPORTED BY NCNA NOW SELDOM INCLUDE REFERENCES TO MAO OR CHINA. NCNA'S REPORT OF THE CPNK STATEMENT, HOWEVER, ALSO CITED WEN'S PRAISE OF MAO AS HAVING DEVELOPED THE TEACHING OF MARXISM-LENINISM ON "VIOLENT REVOLUTION" AND MADE SEVERAL REFERENCES TO THE TRILOGY OF MARXISM-LENINISM-MAO TSE TUNG THOUGHT.
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